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SUMMARY: AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING ELECTRICAL UTILITIES IN
BELGIUM, SPAIN, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, AUSTRIA AND THE
NETHERLANDS HAS ANNOUNCED ITS REQUEST FOR THE USAEC AND EURODIF
TO POSTPONE THEIR DECEMBER 31 DEADLINES FOR THREE MONTHS IN ORDER
TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON COOPERATION. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF PRESS RELEASE OF DECEMBER 1, 1973

"THE ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUP, O.P.E.N. (ORGANIZATION DES PRODUCTEURS
D'ENERGIE NUCLEAIRE, OR ORGANIZATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PRODUCERS)

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ANNOUNCES:

"THE CONSTITUTIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PRODUCERS (OPEN) WAS HELD IN PARIS ON DECEMBER 1, 1973. SEVENTEEN ELECTRICAL POWER COMPANIES BELONGING TO BELGIUM, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND SWITZERLAND PARTICIPATED IN IT. THE ELECTRICAL COMPANIES OF AUSTRIA, ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE ADVISED OF THEIR INTENTION EITHER TO ADHERE TO THE GROUP OR TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES TO IT BY CONTRACTS,

"THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUP HAS BEEN CONFERRED ON M. NIHOUL (BELGIAN) THE VICE-PRESIDENCY ON M. DE AREITO (SPAIN). MANAGEMENT WILL BE ASSURED BY MR. WYART (FRANCE). THE SOCIAL SEAT IS AT PARIS.

"THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF THE ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUP, WHICH MET THE SAME DAY WILL PURSUE WITH THE SAME VIEW THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE. IT HAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED:

-TO ASK THE US AEC AND EURODIF TO POSTPONE FOR THREE MONTHS THE DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31, 1973 WHICH THEY HAVE FIXED FOR THE SIGNING OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS THIS IN THE INTEREST OF ENGAGING IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A EUROPEAN PLANT BENEFITTING OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS AND RESPECTING A PROGRAM WHICH WILL PERMIT THE FULL USE OF ITS POSSIBILITIES, ALL IN ASSURING THE SECURITY OF SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM OF THE EUROPEAN POWER PRODUCERS.

-TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN PROMOTERS OF ENRICHMENT PLANTS.

"THE VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS ARE PLEASED WITH THE NEW POSSIBILITIES THAT THE FORMATION OF THIS GROUP OFFERS FOR THE PURSUIT OF THEIR COOPERATION."IRWIN

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